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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 1: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. LEBANON

A. LEBANESE GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

THE THREE-DAY OLD RIFAI GOVERNMENT RESIGNED MAY 26 AS A RESULT OF COMBINED SYRIAN PRESSURE AND WIDESPREAD DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION, BUT HAS BEEN ASKED BY FRANGIE TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AS CARETAKERS UNTIL A SUCCESSOR CABINET IS APPOINTED.

--MOST INFORMED OBSERVERS EXPECT FRANGIE TO QUICKLY TURN TO TRIPOLI STRONGMAN RASHID KARAME, ALTHOUGH KARAME'S INSISTENCE ON HAVING A RELATIVELY FREE HAND IN FORMING A CABINET AND HIS RELUCTANCE TO SAY HOW HE INTENDS TO RE-STORE PUBLIC ORDER MAY CAUSE FRANGIE TO BALK.

--IF FRANGIE REFUSES KARAME'S CANDIDACY, A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE, SUCH AS SAEB SALIM, MIGHT BE SELECTED, OR

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LESS LIKELY, FRANGIE MIGHT SIMPLY DRAG HIS FEET IN

SELECTING ANY NEW TEAM AT ALL, A MOVE THAT WOULD NOT SATISFY THE SYRIANS AND WOULD OUTRAGE DOMESTIC OPPONENTS.

--ASSUMING THE EARLY FORMATION OF A NEW CIVILIAN CABINET, THE NEXT STEP WOULD PROBABLY BE THE HOLDING OF A LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN "SUMMIT" CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT ELEMENTS OF A MORE STABLE GOL-FEDAYEEN RELATIONSHIP.

EMBASSY COMMENT: GIVEN THE SEVERE PRESSURES BEING PUT ON FRANGIE AT THIS TIME AND THE PROSPECT THAT ANY DELAY IN APPOINTING A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT SEEMS CERTAIN TO PROVOKE FURTHER TURMOIL AND STRIFE, HE WILL PROBABLY ACQUIESCE IN THE SPEEDY APPOINTMENT OF A NEW, LARGELY CIVILIAN CABINET MANNED ALONG "TRADITIONAL" POLITICAL LINES.

(SEE ITEM 2 OF THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

B. HEAVIEST FIGHTING YET IN LEBANON

EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THE HEAVIEST AND MOST WIDESPREAD FIGHTING OF THE CURRENT CRISIS DURING THE NIGHT OF MAY 25-26, WITH MORTARS, ROCKETS AND BOMBS ADDED TO THE CONTINUING WEAPONS FIRE.

--THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE CARRIED OUT A MASSIVE AMMUNITION RESUPPLY EFFORT, INCLUDING KATYUSKA ROCKETS, TO THE FEDAYEEN AND POSSIBLY THEIR LEBANESE ALLIES.

--THE FIFTH CEASE-FIRE IN AS MANY DAYS WAS CONCLUDED THE EVENING OF MAY 25, BUT THE STAND-DOWN DID NOT TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND THE NIGHT WAS TUMULTOUS.

--A MINIMUM OF 80 PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED KILLED SINCE MAY 20 WITH CONSIDERABLY MORE WOUNDED.

2. LEFTISTS DEMONSTRATE AT EMBASSY LISBON

REUTER REPORTS THAT 2000 LEFTISTS, PROTESTING CURRENT
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NATO NAVAL MANUEVERS OFF PORTUGAL, DEMONSTRATED AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. FIFTY PARATROOPERS CORDONED OFF THE BUILDING, AND THE MARCHERS PASSED BY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

3. FOREIGN MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE EXPRESS CONCERN TO PGNU

FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS BY EMBASSY VIENTIANE, SEVERAL OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE EXPRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER

PHOUMI CONCERN ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF THE US MISSION.

--THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY TOLD PHOUMI THAT LAO ACTIONS MAY CAUSE THE USG TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH LAOS.

--COMMONWEALTH AMBASSADORS ELICITED FROM PHOUMI A BLAND ASSURANCE THAT THE PGNU WILL CONTINUE TO "SEEK THE KIND OF AID LAOS WANTS" WHEN THEY ASKED IF HE THOUGHT CURRENT LAO TACTICS WERE CONDUCIVE TO PROCUREMENT OF FUTURE AID COMMITMENTS FROM THE US.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THESE APPROACHES MAY HAVE SOME SLIGHT EFFECT AND URGE THAT THE US ELICIT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM SUCH CAPITALS AS LONDON, PARIS, TOKYO, AND CANBERRA.

4. TANZANIA REFUSES KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS

EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM REPORTS THAT THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE SET SEVERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE THREE STUDENTS STILL BEING HELD. THESE INCLUDE:

--THE RELEASE OF TWO GUERILLA LEADERS ALLEGEDLY HELD BY THE GOT;

--PAYMENT OF \$500,000 AS A RANSOM;

--DELIVERY OF 60 MACHINEGUNS, 10 CANNONS AND A MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED THE DEMANDS AND REPORTS IT HAS REARRESTED THE TWO MEN WHO, ALTHOUGH
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RECENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON HAD NOT YET DEPARTED TANZANIA.

5. CUBA AT THE UN

CUBA'S UN MISSION, UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE RICARDO ALARCON, HAS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS ENHANCED ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND WIDELY EXPANDED ITS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS. ALARCON'S DELEGATION HAS:

--MADE MANY GAINS AT THE UN AND BECOME AN INFLUENCE IN THE NONALIGNED GROUP;

--NEGOTIATED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SEVERAL ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES LAST YEAR, BRINGING

THE TOTAL TO ABOUT NINETY;

--ENDED CUBA'S ISOLATION AT THE UN AND CAN BE EXPECTED
TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA.

IN ADDITION, OUR MISSION AT THE UN REPORTS THAT ALARCON,
WHO ALREADY IS A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS UN ORGANIZATIONS,
WILL BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT UN
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